



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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All Department/District Heads

At its meeting held July 26, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“The recent rise in temperatures throughout Los Angeles County reminds us that we must take precautions to avoid heat stroke, serious injury, and even death. The recent heat wave in Phoenix is being blamed for at least 11 deaths, including the elderly and the homeless. The County of Los Angeles has made available to the public various cooling stations, and the Board of Supervisors encourage the public to take advantage of these facilities during these hot summer months. In addition, the public must be made aware of the dangers of leaving young children and pets unattended in vehicles, even for a few seconds. Situations like these can cause serious physical and brain injury to a child, and these accidents are avoidable.

“The County of Los Angeles and its residents must also take steps to conserve precious energy to avoid power outages. There is much that the County of Los Angeles County can do as an employer to ensure that this summer remains safe and comfortable for everyone while at the same time, do our part in saving precious resources.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed the building managers of County-owned or managed buildings, at their discretion, to raise the thermostat in the buildings as recommended by the local utility companies in an effort to save energy, for the duration as recommended by the utility companies;

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2. Authorized Department/District Heads to develop, at their discretion, a business casual dress policy to ensure that County employees are comfortable during their working hours, to coincide with the duration as recommended by the utility companies;
3. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer's Office of Emergency Management and the Director of Internal Services to distribute information to all Departments concerning steps to consider during a brown out or power outage; and
4. Directed all Department/District Heads to disseminate the information to employees; and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to reinforce to all County employees the need to conserve energy during their work day and at home as well.

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